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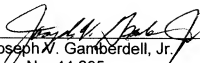
1. Claims 1-6 and 8-19 remain in the application. Claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 8, 10, 13, 16, and 17 have been amended.
2. Claims 10, 13, 16, and 17 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections.
3. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-6, 9, 14, 15, 18, and 19 are allowed.
4. Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 8 to include the pertinent limitations of claim 7. While claim 8 does not include all the features of claim 7, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 is allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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